

REMARKS

This amendment and response is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated 2 November 2005, the time to respond being until 2 February 2006. Claims 1-5 are herein amended. Claims 1-6 remain pending.

Applicant appreciate the time taken by the Examiner during the interview of 2 February 2006, in which the Examiner noted Applicant's distinguishing remarks but wanted to see the distinctions added as structural limitations in claims 1-5. By the foregoing amendments Applicant has attempted to do just that, setting the context in the preamble of claim 1 to "*a dispensing gun for dispensing compound from a variety of dual cartridges having various neck shapes and sizes, the dispensing gun including a barrel section for seating a dual cartridge*", and then specifying that the front catch plate is attached forwardly of the barrel section and is "formed with a peripheral edge interrupted by a yoke". The plurality of inserts are now fully defined as "*having a cradle adapted to conform to the neck of one of said variety of dual cartridges for seating the neck therein, and a locking channel for insertion onto the edge of said front catch plate within said yoke, said plurality of inserts having different cradle sizes for seating and supporting a corresponding variety of dual cartridge necks thereon.*"

Again, Parent et al. '988 does not contemplate an adaptive catch plate to allow dispensing from various-sized cartridges at all, let alone multi-component cartridges, and Spehar et al. '536 shows only a singularly-sized syringe-type dual cartridge in combination with a fixedly-attached

nozzle.¹ If the cartridge size or configuration were changed, an entirely new mating nozzle would need to be provided.

It is believed that all of claims 1-5 are now patentably distinguished on their merits (depending claims 2-5 incorporating the same limitations by reference).

In view of the above, all pending claims 1-6 are believed to avoid all the objections/rejections set forth in the Official Action and thus, the case should be in condition for allowance. These amendments were not earlier presented as they were prompted by the interview of February 2, 2006, and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested to facilitate prosecution. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 410.385.2383 to discuss any remaining issues.

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¹ "Collar 32 is molded about the body of the syringe 12 for coupling the syringe 12 to the nozzle assembly 14. The collar 32 is recessed from the proximal end 25 of the syringe 12 to form a ledge 35 which is slidably inserted into the head 36 of the nozzle assembly 14 with the collar 32 abutting a rim 44 extending from the head 36. The rim 44 may be either *permanently affixed to the collar 32 or mechanically secured thereto*. A permanent connection may be made by *ultrasonically welding* the abutting ends together or by bonding the ends using an adhesive .